

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, claims 1-5, 7-9 and 12-14 are cancelled (claims 6 and 11 were previously canceled). Claims 10 and 15-23 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 1-5, 7 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Freedman (USPN 4,839,829), for the reasons substantially of record.

Claims 8-9, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freedman in view of Markowitz (USPN 5,513,254) , for the reasons substantially of record.

The indication that claims 10 and 15-23 are allowable is acknowledged and appreciated.

To expedite prosecution, claims 1-5, 7-9 and 12-14, the only other pending claims, are canceled.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment and favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, are respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

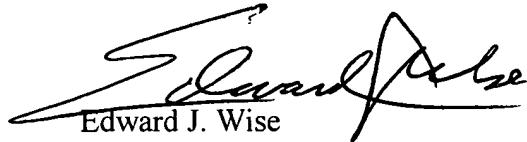
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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